

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An apparatus for controlling a focus position, comprising:
a display unit for displaying an image corresponding to a subject and a mark
representing the focus position;
5 a switch unit for moving said mark on said display unit; and
a focus control unit for controlling to focus on a position of the subject
corresponding to said mark.

10 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said display unit comprises
a display screen that shows said image and said mark, and
wherein said switch unit comprises a touch screen that is used for moving said
mark, positioned upon said display screen.

15 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said switch unit comprises a device
that is used for moving said mark.

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20 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said focus control unit further
calculates the focus position by processing image data corresponding to said mark
moved by said switch unit in order to focus the position of subject corresponding to said
mark.

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a switch unit that moves said mark on said display unit; and

corresponding to said mark.

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for beginning to taking a photograph, and wherein said focus control unit stores the image data in said first image storage unit when the state of the release switch is at a first phase.

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mark, positioned upon said display screen.

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device that is able to move said mark and is established on the camera body.

9. The digital still camera of claim 6, further comprising a second image storage unit for storing compressed data .

10. The digital still camera of claim 9, wherein said focus control unit
5 compresses image data stored in said first image storage unit and restores compressed image data stored in said second image storage unit.

11. The digital still camera of claim 5, wherein said focus control unit further calculates the focus position by processing said image data corresponding to said mark moved by said switch unit in order to focus the position of a photographic subject corresponding to said mark according to the focus position calculation.

12. The digital still camera of claim 11, wherein said focus position is calculated by processing image data stored in said first image storage unit
15 corresponding to said mark.

13. The digital still camera of claim 11, further comprising a third image storage unit for storing compressed data.

14. The digital still camera of claim 13, wherein said focus control means compresses image data stored in said first image storage unit and restores compressed

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generating an address of a memory storing image data corresponding to a coordinates of said relocated focus position;

calculating the focus position by processing said read image data.

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